(b) the preventive measures being undertaken by Government to prevent these diseases;

(c) whether Government have made out any contingency plans to contain these diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Seasonal rise of water and vector borne diseases is normally observed with the start of rainy seasons. Adequate health care facilities are available at various Government Hospitals for treatment of the patients, mainly the needy, suffering from these diseases. For prevention and control of various such diseases like Malaria, Filaria etc. A National Health Programme such as National Anti-Malaria Programme has been in operation in the country as a Centrally soponsored Scheme. In order to identify the early warning signals of outbreaks of these diseases, National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases is in operation in 101 districts. Under the Tenth Five Year Plan, an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme is envisaged to strengthen the mechanism of surveillance of various diseases in the country.

Medical college in Gujarat

2285. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has represented to start a Medical College in Mehsana District;

(b) if so, whether the permission to start the college has been considered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No proposal has been received from Government of Gujarat for starting a Medical College at Mehsana District.

(b) to (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.